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SUBJECT: GENERAL COMMITTEE: ALLOCATION OF SOUTHERN  
AFRICA ITEMS

REFS: USUN 3829; USUN 3845

1. WE UNDERSTAND THAT AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS WILL BE  
PROPOSING THAT THE GENERAL COMMITTEE ALLOCATE VARIOUS  
SOUTHERN AFRICAN AGENDA ITEMS TO PLENARY INSTEAD OF  
TO COMMITTEE, AS HAS BEEN THE PRACTICE IN THE PAST.  
IF THE ALLOCATION CAN BE ACHIEVED BY CONSENSUS, YOU  
MAY JOIN THAT CONSENSUS. HOWEVER, IF IT COMES TO A  
VOTE, YOU SHOULD ABSTAIN.

2. IN EITHER CASE, YOU SHOULD EXPLAIN U.S. POSITION,  
IN LOW KEY FASHION, MAKING FOLLOWING POINTS:  
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--WE WARMLY WELCOME DECISIONS BY GENERAL COMMITTEE  
TO ALLOCATE SOUTHERN AFRICAN ITEMS TO PLENARY AND  
AGREE THAT THESE ISSUES MERIT PARTICULAR ATTENTION  
AND PROMINENCE AT THIS TIME.

--OUR RESERVATIONS RELATE TO THE TRADITIONS WHICH,  
WITH FEW EXCEPTIONS, HAVE BEEN OBSERVED IN PLENARY.

IN SUPPORT OF THIS TRADITION AND WITHOUT ANY PREJUDICE  
WHATEVER TO THE ORGANIZATIONS OR INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED,  
THE U.S. OPPOSES PARTICIPATION IN PLENARY DEBATES BY  
PERSONS OTHER THAN REPRESENTATIVES OF MEMBER STATES.  
IT HAS NORMALLY BEEN RELEVANT TO HEAR REPRESENTATIVES  
OF LIBERATION MOVEMENTS AND OTHER INDIVIDUALS DURING  
COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION OF THE ITEMS IN QUESTION. WE  
WOULD VERY MUCH WISH TO AVOID ESTABLISHING A PRECEDENT  
THAT SUCH PERSONS SHOULD IN THE FUTURE EXPECT  
TO ADDRESS THE PLENARY. THIS IS A PROBLEM WHICH,  
MR. PRESIDENT, WE HOPE YOU WILL FIND A WAY TO SOLVE  
IN A MANNER WHICH WILL MAINTAIN BOTH THE TRADITIONS  
OF THE PLENARY AND THE PAST PRACTICE IN DISCUSSING  
THESE ITEMS.

3. MISSION SHOULD URGE UK, FRG AND OTHER WESTERN  
MEMBERS OF GENERAL COMMITTEE TO ADOPT SIMILAR  
POSITION. MISSION, AT ITS DISCRETION, SHOULD  
CONVEY OUR VIEWS TO KEY AFRICANS IN ADVANCE OF  
GENERAL COMMITTEE DISCUSSION.

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